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**Statement from Rep. Bowen on the Manney Appeal Hearing:**

MILWAUKEE – Rep. David Bowen (D-Milwaukee) issued a statement today in response to the disciplinary appeal hearing of Christopher Manney before Milwaukee’s Police & Fire Commission:

“I support Chief Flynn’s decision to dismiss Christopher Manney from the Milwaukee Police Department. The MPD has procedures in place to guide officers’ interactions with citizens suffering from mental illnesses. Mr. Manney was trained in these procedures, but he chose not to follow them. That choice led to the death of Dontre Hamilton, one of the citizens he swore to protect. The power to use deadly force against a fellow citizen is the most serious responsibility an officer can be entrusted with, and officers who misuse that power must be held to the highest standards of accountability. Chief Flynn made the right decision, and I trust that the evidence will show that it should be upheld.”

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